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Main Street News

April 11, 2016

Greetings!

We're starting this week reminiscing about the opening reception for Art In Windows. We had a great turnout, filled with new and familiar faces.



Couldn't make it or want to relive the walk? Check out this [short video](#) by Richmond Standard and read [this blog post](#) by Jenny Balisle, RACC commissioner. Before you click, make sure you check out the rest of this week's newsletter.

Happy reading!

~Your friends at Richmond Main Street

Main Street Presents:

Countdown to Return of Richmond Main Street Farmers' Market!

Grand Re-Opening: Wednesday, May 4



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Get Your Tickets to *A Taste with Main Street!*

Saturday, May 7, 2016



A delicious way to enjoy a day trip to beautiful Napa Valley and support a great cause! Sales benefit Richmond Main Street Initiative and the revitalization of historic Downtown Richmond.

*Complimentary Tastings * Visiting to 3 Wineries
Drawings * Light Refreshments * Party Games * Transportation Included*

Tickets: \$75

Available [online here](#) or by calling [\(510\) 236-4049](tel:510-236-4049)

Charter bus departure & return location: [1015 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA](#)

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2015 Annual Report Now Available

Curious about what we did in 2015? Check out our annual report, completely re-designed and hot off the (virtual) presses:





[Download the full report](#)

Advertise your News and Events Here: [Become a Member!](#)

The [Richmond Main Street Community Partner Membership Program](#) is a great way to share your events and news with the community. With this valuable marketing tool you can:

- Appear in the Main Street News~*reach thousands of readers interested in community projects like yours!*
- Post events and announcements to our website *and* the East Bay Express
- Free booth spaces at Richmond Main Street events
- ...and more!

Learn more about member benefits [here](#).

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Downtown Happenings

RMSI Nominated for 2016 Work Local Awards!

We're excited to announce that Richmond Main Street Initiative has been nominated for two [2016 Work Local Awards](#): "Most Community-Oriented Employer" and "Best Employer: Nonprofit". Click [here](#) to read what our nominee(s) said about us and learn more about the Work Local Awards.

The Work Local Awards, presented by Localwise, shines the spotlight on the boutiques, cafes, nonprofits, startups, and all the local employers that make our local communities thrive...and we are honored to be nominated this year.

Join the fun! Cheer us on...and hopefully help congratulate us...at the 2016 Work Local Awards:

Thursday, April 28
6:30pm - 8:30pm

The Port Kaiser Center - 334 Thomas L. Berkeley Way, Oakland, CA 94612

Be sure to [RSVP for the celebration event](#) on April 28th.

Community Bulletin

A Message from Zakhary Mallett, BART Director, District 7

PRESS RELEASE: Public Workshops Called for BART/Transit Study to Address Interstate 80 Gridlock

The [West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee \(WCCTAC\)](#) will be hosting

three public workshop meetings to engage the public in the West Contra Costa County High-Capacity Transit Study. Dates, times, and locations follow:

San Pablo

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM

[San Pablo City Hall, City Council Chambers \(13831 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, CA\)](#)

Pinole

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM

[Pinole City Hall, City Council Chambers \(2131 Pear Street, Pinole, CA\)](#)

Richmond

Thursday, April 14, 2016 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM

[Richmond City Hall, City Council Chambers \(440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA\)](#)

The study, which was spearheaded by BART Director and WCCTAC Board member, Zakhary Mallett, is competitively evaluating high-capacity transit investments along the Interstate 80 corridor in West Contra Costa County that can best serve the travel needs in the area with viable transit alternatives. Mallett expressed that "this is the most congested travel corridor in the region, but has had minimal regional transit investment compared to other corridors. Just consider the fact that the Richmond leg of BART is the only leg in the BART system that has not been extended since BART's inception. This study is an important first step to bringing better driving alternatives to this ignored corridor."

Alternatives being considered in the study include:

- A BART extension to Hercules
- Commuter rail service between Richmond and Hercules
- Expanded express bus service
- Bus rapid transit service

These first workshops will showcase to the public the high-capacity transit options that were derived through an initial screening process and the high-level cost-benefit considerations of those different options. Public input on which options are the best value for the needed investment will be sought and subsequently relied on by the study team to further hone in on the most competitive alternatives to recommend to the WCCTAC Board for consideration.

In the fall, after additional analysis is completed and the study team has stronger quantitative estimates of the costs and benefits of alternatives, a second round of public workshops will seek public feedback on the final "short list" of alternatives before they are presented to the WCCTAC Board for consideration.

To learn more about the study: review the [study fact sheet](#) (PDF).

[LEARN MORE](#)

Richmond Students to Present Y-PLAN Proposals at Civic Center Plaza

Date: Monday, April 25

Time: 5pm - 8pm

Location: Richmond Auditorium,

[403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804](#)

Please save the date and join us in supporting students from De Anza, Kennedy, and Richmond high schools as they present their findings and proposals for improving health and digital connectivity.



This past Spring semester students at De Anza, Kennedy, and Richmond high schools have been using the **Y-PLAN** (Youth - Plan, Lean, Act, Now) model to investigate and propose innovative solutions to three project questions:

1. De Anza: Healthy Food + Healthy Living in Downtown Richmond
2. Kennedy: Bridging the Digital Divide in Downtown Richmond
3. Richmond: Education and Access to Mental Health Services in Richmond

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This event marks the culmination of their research and the opportunity for them to share their ideas with their community. Doors open at 5pm, formal presentations begin at 6:30pm.

More Information

Download the flyer ([English](#), [Spanish](#))

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